

PATENT Attorney Docket 051726-0002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re | Application of: Jonathan H. Bari et al. |) | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|----------------------|
| Application No. 09/759,225 | |) | Group Art Unit: 2131 |
| Filed: January 16, 2001 | |) | Examiner: M. Vaughan |
| For: | Method and System for Secure Registration, Storage, Management and Linkage of Personal |)) | |
| | Authentication Credentials Data Over a Network | .)) | |

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

I, Michael Aregood, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a graphic artist and designer who creates and develops various work products including Web sites and marketing communication materials ("Work Products"). In the Spring of 1999, I was employed as a graphic designer by Comcast Online Communications ("Comcast Online"), a division of Comcast Cable/Comcast Corporation. Also, from Spring through Fall of 1999, I worked on various freelance graphic design projects outside of my normal employment hours.
- 2. I initially came to know Jonathan H. Bari from when we worked together at Comcast Online during the Summer of 1996. Mr. Bari and I stayed in touch after he left Comcast in 1997 to pursue other professional endeavors.
- 3. On or about April 14, 1999, I met with Mr. Bari to discuss the design of a graphical user interface ("GUI") for a Web site and related marketing materials that encompass the conception of his invention for "a personal assistant portal," which was a network, Web-based, service that would securely register, store, and/or manage a person's user names, passwords and PINs (personal identification numbers) for third party Web sites and applications. As part of the design process, I asked Mr. Bari questions about his invention and requested some ideas, guidance and specifications to further describe what he wanted me to design and produce for him in terms of the Work Products that were the project's deliverables. I understood that the work I was to perform for Mr. Bari was confidential, and at all times treated the information Mr. Bari conveyed to me as confidential.

- 4. After that meeting, Mr. Bari and I had follow up communications, and I began to design the GUI for the Web site home page and related graphic designs for the invention Mr. Bari described to me. I also designed marketing materials for the invention including the initial logo.
- 4. On or about September 27, 1999, I communicated again with Mr. Bari, to further discuss the design of the PinVault.com Web site GUI and the various screen shots I created that are covered by the patent application. We also discussed marketing materials related to the invention. On September 27, 1999, Mr. Bari sent me a fax that contained a number of screen shots of invalid Web site login pages from third party Web sites that would serve as the creative basis of some of the marketing materials that I was creating. Following that, I also received other written feedback from Mr. Bari on my work. Exhibit K is the notes that I received from Mr. Bari.
- 5. On or about October 4, 1999, I received a draft version of the GUI that Mr. Bari had finished creating, and from which he wanted me to refine the GUI to make it look better and more professional from a graphic design perspective. The GUI which Mr. Bari sent me is attached as Exhibit L, and the GUI which I subsequently created is attached as Exhibit N.
- 6. On or about October 9, 1999, I developed the following marketing materials showing an invalid login collage, which I provided to Mr. Bari (Exhibit N). On or about October 19, 1999, I developed the completed version of the PinVault.com GUI and gave it to Mr. Bari; this was based on Mr. Bari's concept design, which is attached as Exhibit O.
- 7. I billed Mr. Bari on October 5 and 8, 1999 for the Work Product I had performed and would perform to finish the Work Products. The invoices are attached at Exhibit M.

8. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Aregood

Note